likely to be given during 1992 in Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Domestic Connections... 33,750 (approx.)

Non-Domestic Connections ... 220 (approx.)

(b) While no waiting list is maintained for non-domestic category, there is a waiting list of 6·37 lakhs (approx) for domestic connections in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) New LPG connections are released in a phased manner subject to availability of LPG.

Fire incident in oil refineries

2191. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any incident of fire in oil Refineries/L.P.G. bottling plants during 1991-92 and till date ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total loss due to fire incident ; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to check the recurrence of such fire incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Out of the 28 fire incidents in the refineries reported during the year 1991-92 and till date, 24 were of minor nature involving negligible loss or damage. Details of four major fires in the refineries are given in the statement (*see* below). No fire has been reported from LPG bottling plants during this period.

(c) A multi-pronged approach is adopted to avoid recurrence of fire incidents. Improved reporting systems, root cause analysis of all fire incidents, safety audits, periodic review of safety standards upgrading plant reliability through technical improvements, constant re-training of personnel, sharing of experience amongst refineries, learning and updating from published sources are some of the measures adopted in this area. All refineries are fully equipped with modern fire fighting equipment and systems to effectively control fire incidents.

Statement

The details of four major fires are as under :

(i) On May 29, 1991 at HPC Refinery, Vizag one of the Naphtha tanks caught fire resulting in a loss of about Rs. 35 lakhs.

(ii) On June 28, 1991 at HPC Refinery, Bombay, the propane dewaxing Unit, caugh fire resulting in an estimated loss of equipment and piping worth Rs. 1600 lakhs.

(iii) On January 28, 1992 at BRPL Refinery in the Decoker Unit, fire took place causing damage to the instrumentation and electrical systems worth of Rs. 12 lakhs.

(iv) On May, 5, 1992 at MRL Refinery during start up of the Crude Distillation Unit, there was a fire causing damage to the insulation, instrumens cables worth about Rs. 5 lakhs. Tere were no casualities in these cases.

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2192. डा० अबरार अहमद) : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के दौरान इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा कितनी मात्रा में